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• • •	3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Disposition of Claims	•							
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>82-169</u> is/are pend	ling in the application	on.						
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.							
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.								
6) Claim(s) is/are reject) Claim(s) is/are rejected.							
7) Claim(s) is/are object	Claim(s) is/are objected to.							
8)⊠ Claim(s) <u>82-169</u> are subject	to restriction and/o	r election requirement.						
Application Papers								
9)☐ The specification is objected	to by the Examine	r.						
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>21 A</u>	<i>pril 2004</i> is/are: a)[accepted or b) □ obje	cted to by the Examiner.					
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a) All b) Some * c) No		priority under 35 U.S.C.	§ 119(a)-(d) or (f).					
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Requirement for Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 82-152 and 157-169, drawn to methods of effecting various therapeutic results, in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a compound represented by formula (I), wherein in the formula (I), the variable "Q"-containing ring is a phenyl ring:



No "Q" is a nitrogen atom, that is. These methods are classified in class/subclass 514/255.06.

II. Claims 82-122, 124-127, 131-140, 153-156 and 165-169, drawn to methods of effecting various therapeutic results, in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a compound represented by formula (I), wherein in the formula (I), the variable "Q"-containing ring is a pyridine ring:



One "Q" is a nitrogen, that is. These methods are classified in class/subclass 514/255.05.

III. Claims 82-121, 124-126, 131-140 and 165-169, drawn to methods of effecting various therapeutic results, in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a compound represented by formula (I), wherein in the formula (I), the variable "Q"-containing ring is a 1, 3-diazine ring (pyrimidine):

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The "Q" at the 1- and 3-positions are nitrogen atoms, that is. These methods are classified in class/subclass 514/255.05.

IV. Claims 82-121, 124-126, 131-140 and 165-169, drawn to methods of effecting various therapeutic results, in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a compound represented by formula (I), wherein in the formula (I), the variable "Q"-containing ring is a 1, 4-diazine ring (pyrazine):

The "Q" at the 1- and 4-positions are nitrogen atoms, that is. These methods are classified in class/subclass 514/252.11.

V. Claims 82-121, 124, 131-140 and 165-169, drawn to methods of effecting various therapeutic results, in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a compound represented by formula (I), wherein in the formula (I), the variable "Q"-containing ring is a triazine ring, either 1,2,4-triazine or 1,3,5-triazine:

The "Q" at the 1, 2 and 4-positions or 1, 3 and 5-positions are nitrogen atoms, that is. These methods are classified in class/subclass 514/241 and 242.

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The inventions are independent or distinct, each from the other because:

Each of the Groups set forth above is drawn to a method wherein compounds employed as the therapeutic agent are patentably distinct from one another. The "Q"-containing ring in each is a chemically different heterocycle (or carbocycle in the case of phenyl) from the others.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of an invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Zachary Tucker whose telephone number is (571) 272-0677. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from 5:45am to 2:15pm. If Attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, contact the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson, at (571) 272-0661.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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